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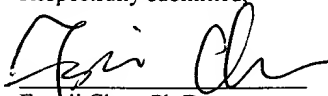
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 20, 2006. Applicant believes that no petition or fee is required for entry and consideration of this paper. If any petition or fee is required, please consider this a conditional petition for any required extension of time, and a conditional authorization to charge any required fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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